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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Last year the Nominations and Elections Committee according to instruction by the Executive Committee tried out a new procedure designed to increase participation by members. On the assumption that many members failed to return the Nominating ballot because of lack of information on availability and qualifications of potential officers, a list of former committee chairmen and a list of additional persons who were willing to run was compiled and printed in the Newsletter.

This experiment failed to produce any increase in member participation; the percentage even dropped a bit. Consequently, the Executive Committee made no recommendation at the business meeting for a continuation of the experiment, and in the absence of definite action by the membership in this regard the Nominations and Elections Committee is this year reverting to earlier practice.

To refresh your memory, the By-laws state that the Nominating ballot shall provide spaces for writing three names in order of preference for each position to be filled. In counting, weights of three, two and one are to be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. The four highest-ranking names are listed for President-elect; for other offices highest-ranking names are listed to a total of twice as many names as there are positions to be filled. This year the officers to be elected are the President-elect (one year term), two Council Representatives (three year terms) and one Member-at-Large (two year term). Any member of the Division may be nominated for these offices, except that for the presidency only Fellows are eligible. Re-nomination of Division Representatives shall not be permitted after three years on the Council without at least one year intervening. Members-at-Large may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The President may serve for one year only. For your information in selecting nominees, a summary of the By-laws provision, qualifications, and duties for each of these offices is reprinted following this report.

When the Nominations procedure is concluded, the nominees will be reported to the APA, by March 15, and the Election Ballot will be distributed and counted by APA.

The deadline for Nominations is March 1. Please fill in and return the sheet containing your ballot in the enclosed envelope to Dr. Harold M. Hildreth, 7607 Lakeview Drive, Falls Church, Virginia.

Harold M. Hildreth, Chairman  
Florence Halpern Alma Paulsen  
Samuel B. Kutash Anne Roe

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### President-Elect

By-Laws Provision: "The President-Elect must be a Fellow. He is a member of the Executive Committee, serves as Chairman of the Program Committee and performs the usual duties of vice-president. He succeeds to the Presidency after one year. The Divisional President presides at all meetings, is the Chairman of the Executive Committee and performs all other usual duties of a presiding officer."

Qualifications and Duties: High professional, administrative, and leadership qualities; recognized status in the clinical field; wide acquaintance of and by colleagues. As President-Elect, reviews past history and present problems in preparation for the presidency, and assumes responsibility for the Program at APA. He devotes at least two full weeks to the work of the Program Committee - planning, preparing, and publishing the Call for Papers, planning and initiating symposia; answering correspondence about program material; reviewing proposals and abstracts submitted; submitting final program to APA Program Committee; working out room arrangements; informing every contributor of the decision regarding his proposal or abstract; checking up at the APA Convention to make sure that the program is running smoothly.

As President, he directs policy and planning activities; and provides leadership by keeping aware of problems and trends in the field of clinical psychology and initiating appropriate action. Executive activities include correspondence with 50 to 100 prospective committee members with regard to appointments; correspondence with committees and with Divisional Secretary; correspondence with APA in regard to general problems; co-editorship of the Newsletter with the Division Secretary; correspondence and conferences with the new Program Committee; presiding at the Midwinter Meeting of the Executive Committee and three meetings at the APA Annual Meeting (two of the Executive Committee as well as the Annual Business Meeting), writing and delivering the Presidential address.

### Council Representative

By-Laws Provision: "The Divisional Representatives shall perform the duties specified by Article III of the By-laws of the American Psychological Association as Council Representatives to APA, and shall serve as members of the Executive Committee of the Division."

Qualifications and Duties: Interest in and knowledge of trends in psychology as a whole, particularly those affecting clinical psychology; familiarity with APA problems, policies, and issues; capacity for independent and collaborative thinking and planning; responsibility for keeping abreast of new developments in the Division, in APA, and in the broader contemporary scene as it impinges upon clinical psychology and defines its scientific and social contribution. As members of the Executive Committee of the Division, the Divisional Representatives participate in the setting up of committees, the appointment of committee members, the direction of committee activities, and all other executive functions. As Council Representatives they are members of the basic legal body of APA and are obligated to represent the Division in matters of importance to the Division and to the Association as a whole. Representatives are responsible for careful reading of the Division Newsletter, the AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGIST, and other journals, documents, and communications sent out by the Division or by APA, in order to be able to participate in discussion and to vote on the basis of well-informed and carefully considered opinion, even when not directly instructed by the Division.

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### Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee

By-Law Provision: "The Members-at-Large shall be members of the Division and shall be elected for terms of two years, one being elected each year. As members of the Executive Committee, they participate in the functions of general supervision of Division activities. Such Executive Committee functions include general supervision of Division affairs, reports to the Annual Meeting of members, filling vacancies in Division offices, appointing committees, advising officers, preparing a budget, etc.

Qualifications and Duties: Members-at-Large have the general responsibilities of any member of the Executive Committee, such as attending meetings and taking part in its activities. The Member-at-Large should be alert to the problems in the field and responsible for bringing these to the attention of the Executive Committee. Members-at-Large are individuals who have a wide acquaintance with trends in clinical psychology, capacity for original thinking about scientific and professional problems, and readiness to share in the development of long-range programs.

### COMMITTEES 1955-56

Since publication of the tentative list of committee appointments in the October Newsletter, changes have occurred as is usually the case. Some members could not accept appointment, but others have cheerfully left the bench to fill positions. The only committee which is not yet complete is the Professional Practice Committee. We hope to announce its final composition in the next Newsletter. Our editorial apologies are hereby offered to Doctors Molish and Rubinstein for erroneous listing. Dr. Rubinstein and his entire committee were listed as the Committee on Diagnostic Devices, instead of -- correctly -- as the Research Committee, whereas Dr. Molish and his members of the Diagnostic Devices Committee were left out entirely.

#### Corrected Committee List

##### Sub-Committee on Associates

Goldie Kaback, Chairman  
William Henry  
Helen D. Sargent

##### Committee on Research

Eli A. Rubinstein, Chairman  
Allen T. Dittman  
Mordecai Gordon  
Robert S. Herrmann  
Aaron B. Nadel  
Morris B. Parloff

##### Committee on Diagnostic Devices

Herman B. Molish, Chairman  
Walter Kass  
Kenneth Little

##### Committee on Awards

Carl R. Rogers, Chairman  
George S. Klein  
Donald MacKinnon  
Clare W. Thompson

##### Committee on Theory & Practice

James G. Miller) Co-chairmen  
George S. Klein)  
Gerald Blum  
Else Frenkel-Brunswik  
Abraham Luchins  
E. J. Shoben, Jr.  
Ruth Tolman



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The following committees are correct as listed in the October Newsletter:

Membership Committee  
Committee on Liaison with Divisions 16 & 17  
Auditing Committee  
Committee on Nominations  
Program Committee  
Psychotherapy Committee  
Post-Doctoral Institute Committee

### COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

#### Diagnostic Devices Committee

Undiscouraged by lack of public acknowledgement of its existence (see above apology), the Committee on Diagnostic Devices has been at work surveying problems in this area which demand attention. With the completion, by the 1955 committee, of the survey of diagnostic devices in relation to technical recommendations by the APA Committee on Test Standards, the present committee is free to undertake new projects. Drs. Molish, Kass, and Little have submitted to the Executive Committee the following list of proposals in line with the goals of the 1955 Diagnostic Devices Committee in performing its best function for the Division.

1. "One project might be to find out in what 'battery' combinations of diagnostic devices are most commonly used in clinical practice (and in research). It would be useful to know how diagnostic devices overlap and how they uniquely supplement one another."
2. "A survey of the professions of psychiatry and neurology, to find out 'what they know and think about the diagnostic devices of psychologists.' Some psychiatrists and neurologists tend to gravitate to tests of lesser merit or makeshift excerpts from the more standard ones to apply to patients themselves."
3. "To undertake a survey of training centers to determine courses and standards of proficiency in projective tests taught. It might be worthwhile doing so for all diagnostic devices to learn what is being taught and when trainees are regarded as qualified with various diagnostic devices."
4. "A comprehensive annotated bibliography of the studies of the reliability and/or validity of the most frequently used psycho-diagnostic devices."
5. "A survey of current personality tests for children and adolescents."
6. "With the advent of the new wonder drugs in psychiatric treatment (e.g. 'thorazine') there appears to be a need for surveying the studies now underway or those which have been completed, to ascertain the value of such pharmacological therapy. For example, a well-known drug company recently has sent much literature to clinical psychologists, quoting study after study which emphasizes the value of 'thorazine.' Many of these studies should be reviewed in terms of experimental design, methodology, from a critical point of view, especially those in which the projective techniques have been used. Other studies now in progress and not reported in the literature should be surveyed. Many of the studies reported thus far state little about the use of diagnostic devices and describe changes in behavior only on a clinically descriptive level."

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The Executive Committee will consider these proposals at the Midwinter Meeting in New York, March 14-15. In the meantime, the Diagnostic Devices Committee solicits comments from the membership at large.

#### Research Committee

This committee is now preparing to compile its bibliography of doctoral dissertations in clinical psychology completed during 1955. The committee hopes to be able to make this listing available to the membership in April or May, 1956. Any inquiries, comments or suggestions about the bibliography are welcomed. Please write to Dr. Eli A. Rubinstein, Neuropsychiatric Research Unit, Veterans Benefits Office, Munitions Building, Washington 25, D. C.

#### 1956 Post-Doctoral Institute.

Dr. Ralph W. Heine, Chairman, reports that the Post-Doctoral Institute will be held August 22 to 28 on the campus of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. This committee has gotten off to an excellent start, and will undoubtedly be ready with further details in time for the next Newsletter.

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Can you spare your copy of the October Newsletter which contained the full account of the San Francisco divisional meetings? We were notified by the printer that the last issue ran short about fifty copies. Although there is no way of finding out which members were missed, the probability is that many new Associates were passed by, and as one remarked "we are the ones who need it most to get oriented." If there are members who do not keep a file and who can still locate this issue, we would appreciate your mailing it to the Secretary, Dr. Helen D. Sargent, The Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kansas. If you were one of those who failed to receive a copy and would like to have one, send us a postcard and we will try to supply you with one of those turned in.

### NOMINATING BALLOT FOR DIVISION OFFICERS

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	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
<u>President-Elect</u> 1 year			
<u>Council Representative</u> 3 years			
<u>Member-at-Large</u> 2 years			



